

Claims 1-17 stand subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

Group I - Claims 1-4, drawn to a method for fixating a graft ligament, classified in class 606, subclass 60;

Group II - Claim 5, drawn to a flexible member delivery device, classified in class 606, subclass 90; and

Group III - Claims 6-17, drawn to a system for performing internal fixation, classified in class 606, subclass 72.

The Examiner also indicated that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention, such that if Applicants choose Group III, Applicants should elect either a fixation member with loops or a fixation member without loops.

In response, Applicants hereby elect, without prejudice, to prosecute the invention of Group III, drawn to a system for

performing internal fixation, classified in class 606, subclass 72; and Applicants elect the species of a fixation member without loops, claims 6 and 8-17.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute all non-elected subject matter in related applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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